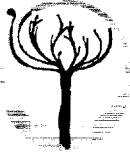


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S.O.S. SAVE OUR CALIFORNIA ORGANIC STANDARDS !

The USDA MUST allow private, non-governmental organic certification bodies to maintain and publicize stricter organic standards than the minimum standards of the USDA.
The government should Not have total control of organic labeling.

I trust the recommendations of the current National Organic Standards Board.

"USDA ORGANIC" should NOT allow inhumane confinement of farm animals, and should NOT allow non-organic feed, toxic pesticides, antibiotics, synthetic chemicals.

The USDA's proposed fees for government certification and/or residue testing are too expensive for small and medium sized farmers. I SUPPORT SMALL ORGANIC FARMERS.

I support the recommendation by the Center for Science in the Public Interest regarding labeling of irradiated foods.

Foods, and any containing ingredients that have been irradiated, should be labeled clearly with WORDS and not just with the pretty symbol, so we consumers can know. And of course this labeling should be forever, and should not expire.

Pasteurization is NOT the same as irradiation, and is NOT a substitute for the word Irradiated.

Please place the comments received on the Internet, so the public can know who is participating in this process.

Sincerely,

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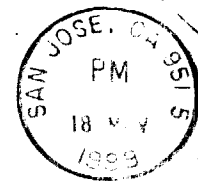
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